

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
September 16, 2019

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
John Bovi
John Igeneri
Vincenzo Capozzoli
John Flynn

Staff: Henry Dachowitz, Finance Director
Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works
Chris Torre, DPW Superintendent
Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer

Others: Kevin Dahl, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Monty Sedlak, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Paola Molloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Paul Dirsal, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Vinta Varghese, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Franklin Ordonez, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Mark Phillips, Suez Water Environmental Inc.
Jason O'Brien, Suez Water Environmental Inc.
Mark McCormick
Attorney Barbara Young, Verrill Law
Martha Gaythwaite, Verrill Law

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONGOING LITIGATION WITH FLOWSERVE ABOUT MAIN LIFT PUMPS' FAILURE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROCUREMENT.

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**** MR. BOVI SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 5:32PM.

Executive session ended at 6:51 PM.

3. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SUEZ WATER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. FOR THE OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS COMMENCING ON MAY 17, 2020 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2030.

Mr. Oustafine thanked all the firms and parties who expressed interest and expended effort in pursuit of doing business with the City of Norwalk Water Pollution Control Authority. He gave a special thanks to Mr. Bove, Mr. Clark, Mr. Igneri, Laoise King, Henry Dachowitz, Anthony Carr, Bruce Chimento, Lisa Burns, Chris Torre and Ralph Kolb for serving on the sub-committee as well as Mark McCormick and Attorney Barbara Young for being consultants to the subcommittee. He said in executive session the Commission had discussed with the subcommittee their recommendations for the operations, maintenance and management service for the Wastewater Treatment system and requested that Mr. Igneri state for the record the recommendation. Mr. Igneri thanked the firms that had responded and that they have ultimately decided to choose Suez Water Environmental Services Inc.

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SUEZ WATER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. FOR THE OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS COMMENCING ON MAY 17, 2020 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2030.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 2019 (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT

a. OMI Monthly Operating Report – July and August 2019 (copies included)

Ms. Sedlak reported on the maintenance for the month of August and said that they are making steady progress and are approximately 82% done with the ETR program and are 20% ahead of schedule. There were 684 total work orders for the month and have completed 560 ending with a backlog of 134.

Mr. Sedlak reported on the collections systems and said that 10 people regionally had attended a certified rigger training course and received a 90% passing grade and they are now certified by the National Crane Association. He said that there were five spills and that some were private and they are all identified in the collections report. He said

they have changed the composition of their license structure and instead of having three Class III Operators on the project there will now be five. He said that on August 9, 2019, a regulatory inspector had did a site visit to discuss the state of operator licenses, qualifications and examinations. On August 19, 2019 there was a wet weather event that produced 30,000 gallons of stormflow but did not require a sample.

The rolling monthly average for CCTV was 1.57 miles and for cleaning as 4.14 miles.

Mr. Sedlak reported on the maintenance for the month of July and said there were 590 total work orders for the month and they have completed 716 leaving a back log of 70. He said there were no permit or performance guarantee violations and they continue with routine safety training.

Mr. Sedlak reported on the collections systems and said that new generators were installed at Fox Run and Howard Avenue pump stations, and there was a stormflow event at 60 South Smith Street and 320,000 gallons of partially treated sewage from outfall 002 due to plant flow in excess of 30 MGD. He said that they had received a letter from Mr. Carr and asked the board if they had any comments or questions on the letter. Mr. Kolb said on August 27, 2019, there was a letter sent to Mr. Sedlak in regard to a July 22, 2019, overflow event and that the Wastewater Treatment Plant was on storm flow for more than 60 minutes and part of the process requires the contract operator to take a sample and test for bacteria and unfortunately that sample was not collected and therefore a bacteria analysis was not taken and were issued a notice of event for Outfall 002-1. In addition, staff had requested that OMI present their quality control procedures to prevent this from occurring in the future in which Mr. Carr received a letter from Mr. Dahl on September 6, 2019. Mr. Sedlak stated they have a good compliance rate for sampling and have now set up a support network to ensure this doesn't happen again that includes SCADA modifications alerting them that they are on storm flow and will also be setting up beacons around the Wastewater Treatment Plant in high visibility areas so that there is a visual response as well. He said perfection is their goal and they have a very aggressive and consistent response to be on the path on continuous improvement.

b. End of Term Equipment Replacement Status (copies included)

Mr. Kolb reported and said to date and based on the total spent and the ETR funds that are available are projecting to be \$58,000 over the budget that they had initially set.

c. Discussion of Notice of Event- Outfall 002-1 Sampling (letters included)

This was discussed under the operations report.

6. REPORTS:

a. **FY 18/19 and FY 19/20 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)**

Mr. Kolb said that everything is tracking as expected.

b. Discussion on WPCA PROJECTS:

1. Outfall 002-1- Chlorination/Dechlorination Improvements (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that the project is out to bid for improving the chlorine disinfection for wet weather and there is a mandatory pre-bid meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

2. Marvin Beach PS, Westport PS, and Fort Point PS Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb said that the work has been completed including the punch list items.

3. KeelerBrook, Five Mile, and Old Trolley Way PS Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb provided an overview of the project and said that at next months meeting he will go into more detail as to what the project will consist of. He said that they estimate the project to be approximately \$8 million dollars have submitted applications for FEMA grants.

4. Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation- Various Locations

Mr. Kolb said that the lining project continues to move along and is approximately 65% complete and the excavation work is approximately 80% complete.

5. Wall Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation

Mr. Kolb said that they have identified several issues in the sanitary sewer system on Wall and Knight Street area and have reached out to Green Mountain for a proposal to line the pipe. He said that he is also waiting on a study from Woodard & Curran for any other modifications that may need to be made.

c. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

- 1) Mr. Kolb said to date they have received an additional \$ 8,133 in adjustments.

d. Information Copies: None

7. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BOVI MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dilene Byrd